IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A method for sampling data signals between electronic components, comprising:

connecting the electronic components by using a steaight feed-through connector wherein the straight feed-through connector has connecting pins;

attaching one end of a flexible circuit to the connecting pins of the feed-through connector; and

attaching an opposite end of the flexible circuit to a display.

- 2. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the flexible circuit is attached to the connector pins by means of soldering.
- 3. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the flexible circuit is attached to the connector by a unidirectional locking tine.
- 4. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the flexible circuit is attached to the connector by a wire trap.
- 5. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the display is a light emitting diode (LED).
- 6. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the display constitutes a field replaceable unit (FRU).
- 7. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the data sampling can be used for detection of fault signals, status, idle signals, error checking, and introduction of a signal analyzer.
- 8-18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein connecting the components using a straight feed-through connector includes:

directly connecting a first electronic component to a first end of the straight feedthrough connector; and

directly connecting a second electronic component to a second end of the straight feed-through connector, and wherein the flexible circuit is directly coupled to the connecting pins of the feed-through connector.

- 20. (Canceled)
- 21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, wherein the first electronic component is a storage device and the second electronic component is a circuit board.
- 22. (Canceled)